

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC) TRAINING

There are many training opportunities for SILC members to participate and increase their knowledge about independent living, disability issues, legislative updates and SILC roles, responsibilities and duties. The following three classes may be a start to increasing your knowledge about SILC and Independent Living (IL): SILC Duties and Responsibilities, State Plan for Independent Living Development and Foundations of Independent Living.

1. SILC Duties and Responsibilities

<http://www.ilru.org/html/training/webcasts/archive/2013/08-27-SILC-NET.html>

2. State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Development: Statutory Basis and Purpose of the SPIL, Developing an Outcomes-Focused SPIL and Evaluating Your Outcomes-Focused SPIL.

<http://www.ilru.org/html/training/rapidCourses/index.html>

3. Foundations of Independent Living which includes the following topics: History of Independent Living, Overview of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Roles and Responsibilities of the IL Partners and Standards, Indicators and Assurances for Centers for Independent Living.

<http://www.ilru.org/html/training/rapidCourses/index.html>

The first course is designed for new SILC members; this comprehensive training will clarify the roles and responsibilities of SILCs in light of the latest clarifications from Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). The presenters give an overview of SILC duties and review the regulations.

The last two training courses mentioned above are courses offered by the Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) which is a main training resource for SILCs and Centers for Independent Living (CILs). Rapid Courses are a free, self-paced learning option. This web-based, user-friendly curriculum is easy to navigate. Each Rapid Course will take about 30 - 60 minutes to complete.

Other training courses offered by ILRU that may be of interest to you are the following:

1. Recruiting, Orienting and Supporting New Council Members

<http://www.ilru.org/html/training/webcasts/archive/2010/03-08-SILC-NET.html>

Recruiting, orienting, and retaining active and informed SILC members are not easy tasks, but there are proven strategies that can strengthen your approaches to these activities. If you would like to explore some of these strategies, then this training allows you to learn from two SILCs that have developed effective processes w

which result in more committed and engaged Council members.